	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
Notice of Allowability	09/521,235	SWAMINATHAN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Maikhanh Nguyen	2176	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *the telephonic interview on 06/18/2007*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17-19, and 21-27 (now renumbered as 1-18)*.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some*   c) ☐ None   of the:

        1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

        2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .

        3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * Certified copies not received: _____ .

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

    (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

        1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

    (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____ .

WILLIAM BASHORE
PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or

additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37

CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no

later than the payment of the issue fee.

2.   Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with

Mr. Vince J. Gnoffo (Reg. No. 44,714) on 06/18/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims:

(a)   **All previous copies of claims 1, 7, 13, and 23 have been replaced with the**

following clean copy of claims 1, 7, 13, and 23 as amended by the Examiner's

amendment.

Claim 1.   A computer-implemented method for developing a dossier for a proposal

in a computer comprising the steps of:

(a)   receiving into said computer a name of a client relevant to the proposal, said name being inputted or selected by the client;

(b)   presenting, to the client, on a computer-user interface a list consisting of industries associated with the client;

(c)   presenting an alternate list consisting of industries not associated with the client, said alternate list of industries having industries different from the industries on the list of industries associated with the client;

(d)   allowing selection an industry from the list of industries associated with the client or an industry from said alternate list of industries;

(e)   searching in a plurality of computer-readable knowledge repositories of an enterprise for information relating to the client and the selected industry;

(f)   receiving selection of said information for display in the dossier;

(g)   receiving verification that the information displayed is correct, and if said displayed information is not correct, correcting said displayed information;

(h)   preparing the dossier utilizing the information found during the searching, wherein the dossier comprises information relevant to the selected industry, the client and the proposal, and further comprises information concerning experienced people, prior documents, and past projects pertaining to the proposal;

(i)   arranging the information in the dossier into expandable nodes which expand into subnodes, wherein the expandable nodes are arranged according to categories of people, topics, clients, documents and projects; and

(j)   displaying, on said computer-user interface, a graphical image of the

arranged information as links between the nodes and the subnodes according to

relationships that the node has to the subnodes, wherein a people section is arranged

according to the number of documents and projects an individual has produced related to

the client, industry, or topic, and wherein documents and projects sections are arranged

chronologically.

Claim 7.   A computer program embodied on a computer readable storage medium

for developing a dossier for a proposal in a computer, comprising:

(a)   a code segment that receives into said computer a name of a client relevant

to the proposal, said name being inputted or selected by the client;

(b)   a code segment that presents, to the client, on a computer-user interface a

list consisting of industries associated with the client;

(c)   a code segment that presents an alternate list consisting of industries not

associated with the client, said alternate list of industries having industries different from

the industries on the list of industries associated with the client;

(d)   a code segment that allows selection an industry from the list of industries

associated with the client or an industry from said alternate list of industries;

(e)   a code segment that searches in a plurality of computer-readable

knowledge repositories of an enterprise for information relating to the client and the

selected industry;

(f)   a code segment that receives selection of said information for display in the dossier;

(g)   a code segment that receives verification that the information displayed is correct, and if said displayed information is not correct, correcting said displayed information;

(h)   a code segment that prepares the dossier utilizing the information found during the searching, wherein the dossier comprises information relevant to the selected industry, the client and the proposal, and further comprises information concerning experienced people, prior documents, and past projects pertaining to the proposal;

(i)   a code segment that arranges the information in the dossier into expandable nodes which expand into subnodes, wherein the expandable nodes are arranged according to categories of people, topics, clients, documents and projects; and

(j)   a code segment that displays, on said computer-user interface, a graphical image of the arranged information as links between the nodes and the subnodes according to relationships that the node has to the subnodes, wherein a people section is arranged according to the number of documents and projects an individual has produced related to the client, industry, or topic, and wherein documents and projects sections are arranged chronologically.

Claim 13.   A computer system for developing a dossier for a proposal, comprising:

(a)   a data processor coupled with a user interface adapter, a communications

adapter and memory, the memory having stored thereon for execution by the data

processor;

        (b)   logic that receives into said computer a name of a client relevant to the

proposal, said name being inputted or selected by the client;

        (c)   logic that presents, to the client, on a computer-user interface a list

consisting of industries associated with the client;

        (d)   logic that presents an alternate list consisting of industries not associated

with the client, said alternate list of industries having industries different from the

industries on the list of industries associated with the client;

        (e)   logic that allows selection an industry from the list of industries associated

with the client or an industry from said alternate list of industries;

        (f)   logic that searches in a plurality of computer-readable knowledge

repositories of an enterprise for information relating to the client and the selected

industry;

        (g)   logic that receives selection of said information for display in the dossier;

        (h)   logic that receives verification that the information displayed is correct,

and if said displayed information is not correct, correcting said displayed information;

(i)   logic that prepares the dossier utilizing the information found during the

searching, wherein the dossier comprises information relevant to the selected industry,

the client and the proposal, and further comprises information concerning experienced

people, prior documents, and past projects pertaining to the proposal;

(j)   logic that arranges the information in the dossier into expandable nodes which expand into subnodes, wherein the expandable nodes are arranged according to categories of people, topics, clients, documents and projects; and

(k)   logic that displays, on said computer-user interface, a graphical image of the arranged information as links between the nodes and the subnodes according to relationships that the node has to the subnodes, wherein a people section is arranged according to the number of documents and projects an individual has produced related to the client, industry, or topic, and wherein documents and projects sections are arranged chronologically.

Claim 23.   A method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the list of associated industries is presented in response to receiving the name of the client.

b.   Claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled.

3.   Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled *"Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."*

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

4.   The Examiner as of general interest cites the following references:

- Kirk et al.   U.S. Pat. No.: 5,768,578

- Hargrove,   U.S. Pat. No.: 5,787,417

- Karaev et al.   U.S. Pat. No.: 5,802,518

- Weiner et al.   U.S. Pat. No.: 6,275,229

- Rinebold et al.   U.S. Pat. No.: 6,968,513

- D. O'Leary, *"Enterprise Knowledge Management,"* IEEE publication, March 1998, pp. 54-61.

- M. Ginsburg et al., *"Annotate: A Web-based Knowledge Management Support System for Document Collections,"* IEEE publication, January 1999, pp. 1-10.

- Webivore Research, LLC, WO 99/49396, 03-1999.

CONTACT INFORMATION

5.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maikhanh Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4093. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:00am – 5:30 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Hutton can be reached at (571) 272-4137.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is

assigned is 571-273-8300.

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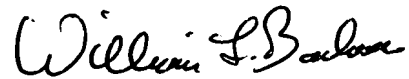
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